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BULGARIA

Visit of West German Foreign Minister

West German Foreign Minister Scheel's two-day visit to Bulgaria (March 25-26) produced no surprises, but it did lay the groundwork for future cooperation. The communique on the visit stated that Bonn and Sofia will sign agreements on culture, scientific-technical cooperation, transportation and a long term agreement on economic and industrial cooperation. Two references to an "exchange of opinions" suggest some disagreements. These probably center on the West Germans' desire that the Bulgars be more forthcoming on the issue of representation in West Berlin, a topic which has recently plagued Bonn's discussions with several East European countries.

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